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This series of seven books entitled: "Lessons for New Muslims," includes the titles: The Muslim Creed Expounded; Prayer and Purification; *Zakâh* and Fasting; Easy 'Umrah and Hajj; Basic Muslim Morals and Manners; Some selected supplications from the Qur'ân; and the Noble Qur'ân (part 30). The material for these books was compiled and edited by Sidheeque M. A. Velankode, Aqeel Walker, Abu Hamza Al-Arabi, and Abu Khaliyl. Our main objective was only to include information for someone who has recently accepted Islam as

their new way of life. This series is accompanied by a cassette with complete instructions about ritual purity and prayer (Salâh), featuring Dr. Ahmad Saifuddeen, associate professor at Imam Muhammad bin Saud Islamic University of Riyadh. We would like to thank all those involved in the preparation of this series.

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The Best Role Model

Allâh ﷻ revealed the Qur'ân to guide us to what pleases Him. With it He teaches us many important lessons. Among these lessons He has stressed that it is important for us to follow the behavior of the Messenger ﷺ whom He sent as our role model. Allâh said:

﴿لَقَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ فِي رَسُولِ اللَّهِ أُسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ﴾

[الأحزاب: ٢١]

"Indeed in Allâh's Messenger you have a good example to follow."
(33:21)

The Prophet's wife was asked about his behavior, and she said that his character was that of the Qur'ân.

Allâh ﷻ showed us the way to earn His love and forgiveness, and to prove that we really love Him. This will occur only when we follow Muḥammad ﷺ, about whom He said:

﴿قُلْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُحِبُّونَ اللَّهَ فَاتَّبِعُونِي يُحْبِبْكُمُ اللَّهُ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ﴾
[آل عمران: ٣١]

"Say: 'If you love Allâh, then follow me. Allâh will love you and forgive your sin, and Allâh is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful.'" (3:31)

To further emphasize this, Allâh ﷻ says:

﴿فَلْيَحْذَرِ الَّذِينَ يُخَالِفُونَ عَنْ أَمْرِهِ أَنْ

تُصِيبَهُمْ فِتْنَةٌ أَوْ يُصِيبَهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ﴾
[النور: ٦٣]

"So let those who oppose the Messenger's order beware that they will be stricken by some affliction or suffer a painful torment." (24:63)

The Prophet ﷺ taught us that when his name is mentioned, we should say:

صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

"*Sallallâhu 'Alayhi wa Sallam.*"

Which means, "May Allâh mention him and grant him peace."

Every Day Matters and Morals

Personal Hygiene

There are certain acts related to personal hygiene which the Prophet ﷺ encouraged. They include: circumcision, trimming the mustache and growing the beard, regular removal of pubic hair, trimming the nails, removing underarm hairs, and brushing the teeth before prayer. Some of these acts are emphasized more than others. One may learn more in the relevant books that explain these matters.

Good Companions

The Prophet ﷺ said that the righteous gathering in comparison to the evil gathering is like the case of the

musk dealer and the blacksmith. With the musk dealer, you will either get some from him, or its smell will remain on your clothes. So either way when you part, you part with a good smell. But in the case of the blacksmith, he will either burn your clothes, or when you part, you will wind up with them smelling that way.

Truthfulness

Allāh ﷻ said;

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَكُونُوا
مَعَ الصَّادِقِينَ﴾ [التوبة: ١١٩]

"O you who believe! Be afraid of Allāh and be with the truthful."
(9:119)

And:

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَقُولُوا قَوْلًا سَدِيدًا ﴿٧٠﴾ يُصْلِحْ لَكُمْ أَعْمَالَكُمْ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ وَمَنْ يُطِيعِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ فَقَدْ فَازَ فَوْزًا عَظِيمًا ﴿٧١﴾﴾ [الأحزاب: ٧٠، ٧١]

"O you who believe! Keep your duty to Allāh and fear Him, and speak always the truth. He will direct you to do good deeds and will forgive you your sins. And whoever obeys Allāh and His Messenger, he has indeed achieved a great achievement." (33:70-71)

Modesty

The Prophet ﷺ told us that modesty or shyness is a part of Faith.

Patience

Allāh informed us of the importance of patience:

﴿وَالْعَصْرِ ﴿١﴾ إِنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ لَفِي خُسْرٍ ﴿٢﴾ إِلَّا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ وَتَوَاصَوْا بِالْحَقِّ وَتَوَاصَوْا بِالصَّبْرِ ﴿٣﴾﴾ [العصر: ١-٣]

"By the time. Indeed man is in loss, except those who believe, and do righteous deeds, enjoin each other with the truth and